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1. THE CONSULATES GENERAL AND THE MISSION IN BERLIN WILL BE SUBMITTING DETAILED REPORTS THIS WEEK ON THEIR EXTENSIVE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE THE SCOPE OF THE IMPACT OF EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN (R/O) ON US INTERESTS IN GERMANY. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THESE EFFORTS HAVE TURNED UP ONLY ONE NEW CASE OF INJURY TO US TRADE RESULTING FROM R/O ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SEVERAL POTENTIAL CASES WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE INDIVIDUAL REPORTS.

2. WE HAVE HEARD FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT THE GERMAN CUSTOMS IS ADOPTING A VERY CASUAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE R/O REGULATIONS. IN FACT SOME OF THE BUSINESSMEN WITH WHOM THE CONGENS DISCUSSED THE R/O PROBLEMS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE USG IN ITS REPRESENTATIONS ON R/O TAKE CARE NOT TO PROD THE FRG INTO MORE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF THE REGULATIONS.

3. AS REPORTED IN REF B, THE GERMAN TRADE AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (DIHT) OPPOSED THE EMBASSY'S AND CONGENS' SURVEY EFFORTS AND INSTRUCTED ITS MEMBERS NOT TO COOPERATE WITH THE SURVEY. IT APPEARS THAT SOME FIRMS INDEED HEADED DIHT'S ADVICE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAS VERY COOPERATIVE AND, AT OUR SUGGESTION, INCLUDED AN ITEM IN ITS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SOLICITING INFORMATION FROM FIRMS WITH R/O EXPERIENCE.

4. ALTHOUGH THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF OUR EFFORTS WITHIN GERMANY HAS BEEN DIRECTED AT COMPLYING WITH REF A, THE R/O PROBLEMS WILL BE CONTINUING ONES FOR SOME TIME TO COME. CONSEQUENTLY, THE EMBASSY, THE CONSULATES GENERAL AND THE MISSION IN BERLIN WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND REPORT INFORMATION ON THE IMPACT OF R/O ON US INTERESTS IN GERMANY.
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